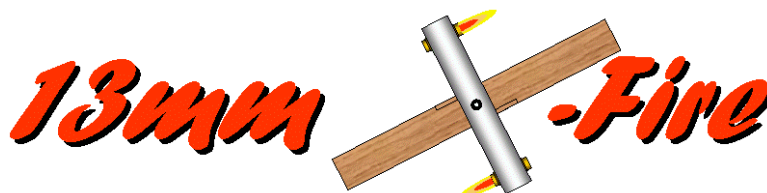


Art Applewhite Rockets

from deep in the heart of Texas



("X-Fire" is pronounced Crossfire)

Recommended motors: A3-4T, A10-0T, A10-3T, A10-PT

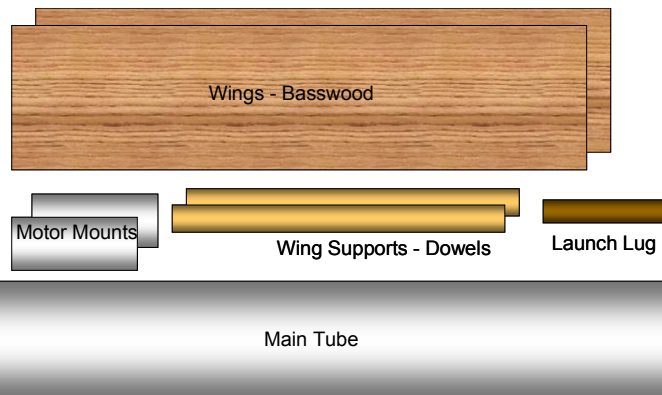
Parts: Wings – 3/32" Basswood sheet

Wing Supports – 3/16" Dowels

Main Tube – LOC 29 mm Motor Mount Tube

Motor Mounts – LOC 1/2" Launch Lug

1/4" Launch Lug



Additional Materials and Tools:

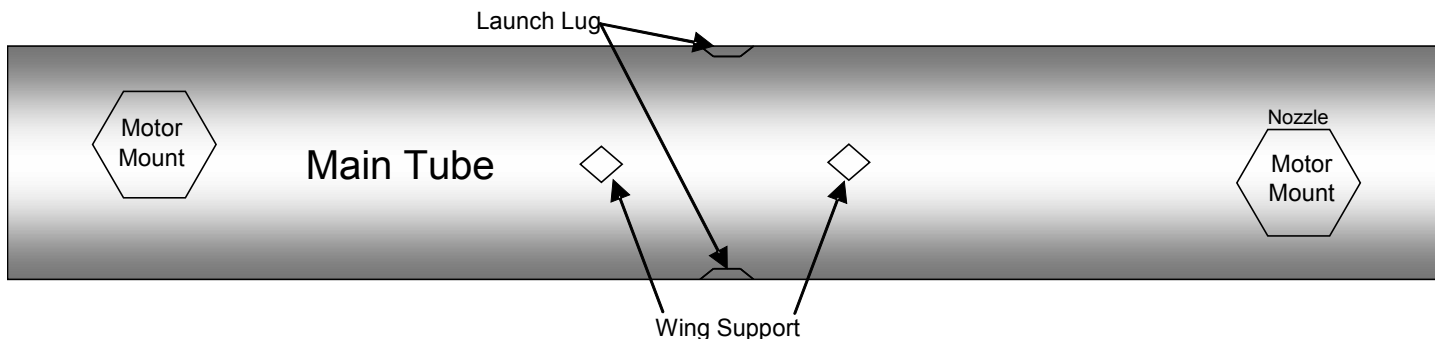
Elmer's Glue-All, #11 X-Acto® knife & ruler

Construction Tips:

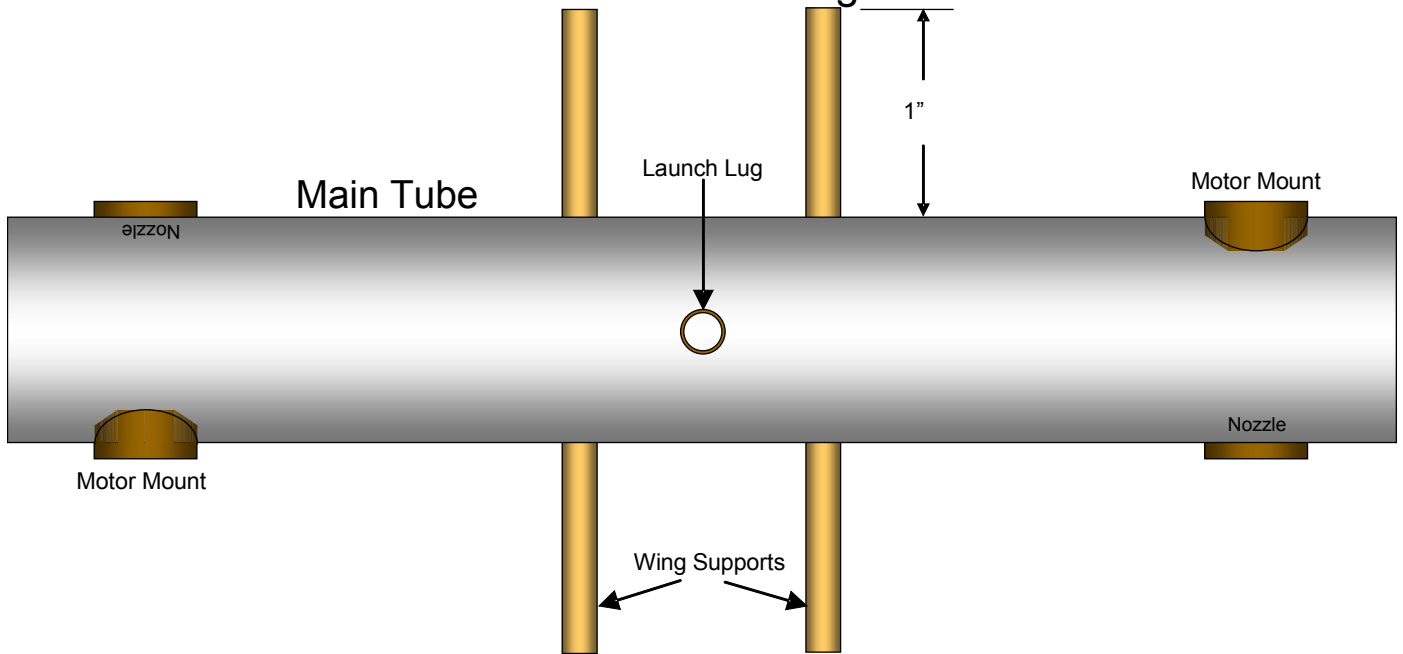
- Read **all** the instructions before starting construction.
- Test fit all parts before gluing them.
- **Elmer's Glue-All** is the only recommended glue for this kit.
- Allow the glue to dry before going to the next step.
- If you have any questions please contact Art Applewhite at rocket877@aol.com

Construction:

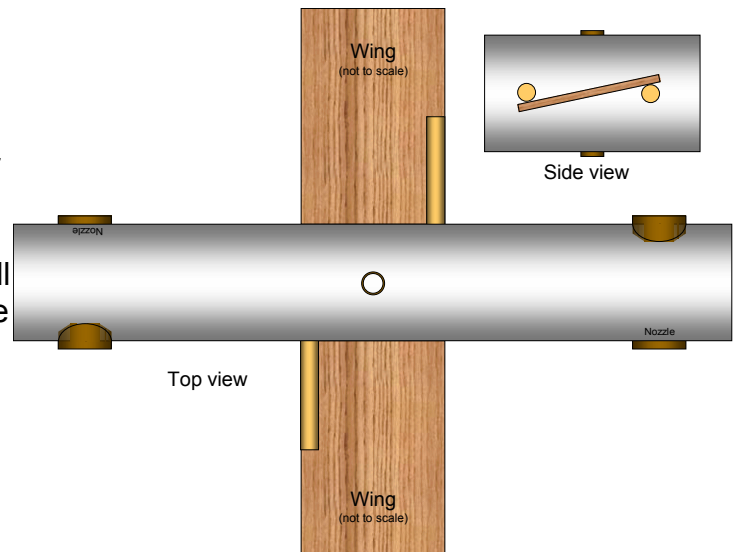
1. On the Main Tube, cut out the Motor Mount, Wing Support and Launch Lug holes using a X-Acto® knife with a **NEW** #11 blade. Cut directly on the printed lines. Work slowly and carefully. The holes are diamond and hexagon shaped (polygons) to make cutting and assembly easier. The best way to cut out the holes is hold the knife perpendicular to the Main Tube and push the tip straight into the tube. Push the knife slowly in until it cuts the length of one of the sides of a polygon. Go to the next side of the polygon and continue until all the sides are cut out. Repeat until all 10 holes are cut out of the Main Tube.



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2. Test fit all the parts in their respective holes. Carefully enlarge the holes as needed, but all parts should fit snugly in place.
3. Mark both Wing Supports 1 inch from one end. Insert the Wing Supports into the Main Tube up to the mark. The supports should now be centered in the Main Tube. Apply glue around all four Wing Support holes.
4. Insert and center the 1/4" Launch Lug in the Main Tube and glue.
5. Insert and center the Motor Mounts in the Main Tube. Note: It is easier to insert the Motor Mounts if you insert a spent 13mm motor into them first. Apply a fillet of glue on the inside of the Main Tube where it meets the Motor Mounts.
6. Apply fillets of glue on the outside of the Main Tube at each place where it meets the Wing Supports, Launch Lug and Motor Mounts. Allow the glue to dry thoroughly.
7. Apply glue to the top and bottom of the respective Wing Supports so the Wings will attach to them. Before the glue sets, make sure the Wings are sticking straight out from the Main Tube as viewed from the top, sides and end.
8. Run fillets of glue on the Main Tube where it and each Wing meet. Allow the glue to dry completely before painting.
9. It is recommended that you apply at least a light coat of clear paint the entire rocket to protect it from moisture.



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Recommended Motors: A3-4T, A10-0T, A10-3T, A10-PT

Make sure both motors are the same type.

Note: The casings of the motors may burn through on the side of the nozzle end. This is normal and is a consequence of the rapid rotation of the rocket. The Main Tube and Motor Mounts may also be scorched. This is unavoidable and will always happen in the same spot. It will not affect the safe functioning of the rocket.



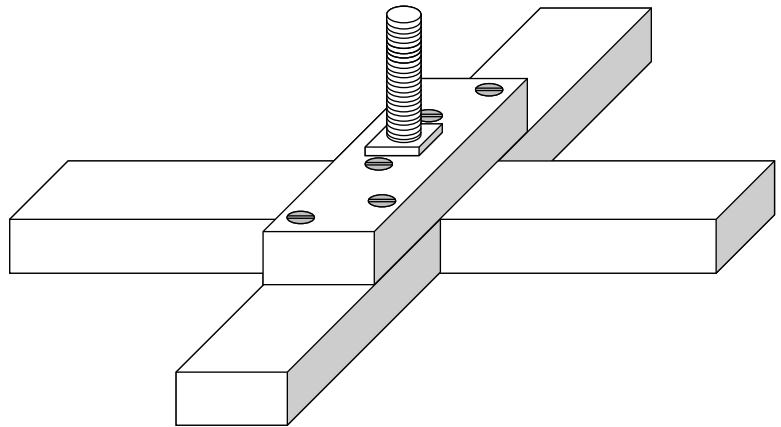
Flight preparation:

- Tightly wrap three layers of masking tape 1/4" inch from the nozzle ends of the motors to form thrust rings.
- Insert the motors into the Motor Mounts with the nozzles tilting slightly downward. If the motors are too loose, wrap enough masking tape around them until they fit snugly. The motors should be centered in the Motor Mount with the forward end front sticking out of the front of the Motor Mount about 1/8" to 1/4".
- Install the igniters and attach the launch controller clips being careful to keep the wires out of the way of the, soon to be, rapidly rotating wings. A "whip clip" or two circuits from a high-current launch controller should be used to ensure simultaneous ignition of both motors.
- Launch the X-Fire from a 1.25" inch long, 1/4" diameter launch rod. **Never use a full length (36" to 48") 1/4" rod and normal launch pad** because it will cause the rocket to go in an unpredictable direction.

The launch pad should be sturdy and fixed firmly to the ground. A suitable launch pad can be constructed from the following materials:

- 4 - 2x4s, three, 18 inches long and one 36 inches long. The lengths need not be exact.
- 1 - 4 inch long, 1/4-20 carriage bolt and 3 nuts
- 6 - 3 inch long wood screws.

Drill a 1/4" hole in the middle of one short 2x4. Insert the carriage bolt into the hole and secure it tightly with the nut. Attach the long 2x4, perpendicular to the short one using two wood screws. Attach the two remaining short 2x4s to the opposite ends of the first short 2x4 using two wood screws each. Thread the remain two nuts onto the bolt and use them to adjust the height of the rocket. The tip of the bolt should be even with the top of the Main Body of the rocket.



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